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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
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CINCPAC FOR POLAD
JCRC BARBERS POINT

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0370

DEPARTMENT FOR D/HA SIEVERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS CASC PFOR LA US
SUBJECT: LPDR ASKS EMBASSY TO RETURN MAIL SENT TO MIA

1. LPDR FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL
SOUTSAKONE PATHAMMAVONG CALLED IN POLOFF FEBRUARY 23
AND ASKED EMBASSY TO RETURN TO SENDER FIVE SMALL PACKAGES
AND LETTER ADDRESSED TO DENNIS G. PUGH, WHO IS
LISTED AS MIA. IN PRESENCE OF PROTOCOL DIRECTOR
KHAMTAN RATANAVONG, SOUTSAKONE SAID THERE WERE NO MIA
IN LPDR.

2. PACKAGES AND LETTER POSTMARKED FROM JUNE, 1976,
THROUGH JANUARY, 1977, HAD RETURN ADDRESS CAMIE PUGH,
252 SOUTH THIRD, SALINA, KANSAS 67401. THEY WERE
ADDRESSED TO DENNIS G. PUGH AT "CAMP FOR DETENTION OF
AMERICAN PRISONERS", SOME IN CARE OF PRINCE SOUPHANOU-
VONG, LUANG PRABANG, AND OTHERS IN CARE OF PRIME
MINISTER KAYSONE, VIENTIANE.
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3. SOUTSAKONE SAID LAO POST OFFICE HAD RECEIVED THEM
AND DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. HE REPEATED
THAT THERE WERE NO MIA IN LPDR.

4. POLOFF ASKED IF LAO WOULD SEND EMBASSY AN OFFICIAL
LETTER STATING THAT THEY WERE ASKING US TO RETURN

PACKAGES FOR REASONS CITED. SOUTSAKONE WAS DOUBTFUL ABOUT GETTING APPROVAL FROM SUPERIORS TO SEND ONE AND STATED THAT IF EMBASSY WOULD NOT RETURN MAIL THEY WOULD ASK POST OFFICE TO DO SO. POLOFF SAID IN THAT CASE HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK AS TO WHAT STEPS WE WOULD TAKE AND GET BACK LATER TO PROTOCOL.

5. I THEN TOLD POLOFF TO CALL DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, WHICH HE DID, SAYING WE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH RELATIVE AS TO WHAT SHE WANTED DONE WITH MAIL. AS LAO NOTED FROM CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS ON PACKAGES, SOME OF THEM CONTAIN MEDICINES AND OTHER ITEMS USEFUL TO PRISONERS.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT CAMIE PUGH AT ADDRESS GIVEN AND DETERMINE WHETHER WE SHOULD ACCEPT MAIL FOR RETURN OR ADVISE LAO AS TO WHAT DISPOSITION TO MAKE OF IT.

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